



el pasotexas



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economic
development

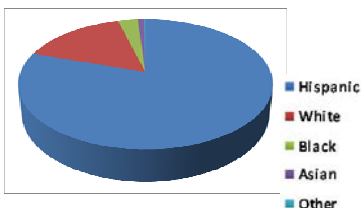
population

(2008 american community survey, u.s. census bureau)

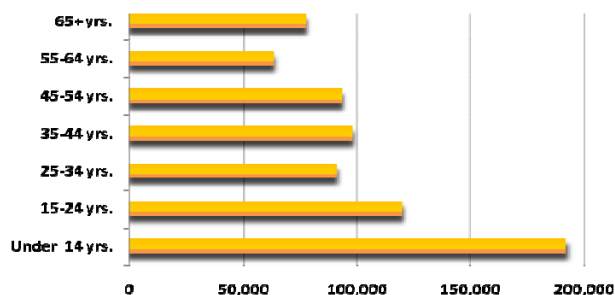
City of El Paso: 613,190

El Paso County: 742,062

Hispanic	80%
Non-Hispanic	20%
African-American	3%
Asian	1%
Other	.2%



population by age



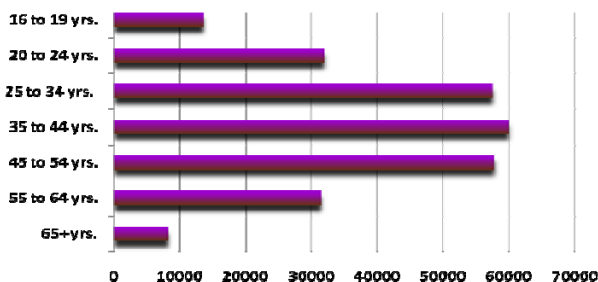
workforce

(2008 american community survey, u.s. census bureau)

Median household income:	\$36,485
Civilian labor force:	310,100
Employment:	279,800
Unemployment:	9.4% (April 2010)

Texas is a right-to-work state

labor force by age



fort bliss

Fort Bliss in Northeast El Paso is the fastest-growing U.S. Army installation in the United States.



Through various Army and Department of Defense initiatives, including Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Fort Bliss will grow significantly.

By 2013:

- A net gain of approximately 24,000 troops and as many as 50,000+ family members
- \$3.7 billion additional economic impact annually
- \$248 million in new property taxes
- \$55 million in new sales taxes
- 2,000 new jobs (engineering, technical & industrial)



Additionally, Fort Bliss has been named the Army's Center for Renewable Energy. The goal has been set to produce enough energy from wind, sun and geothermal energy to power the post by 2025.

downtown revitalization

Downtown El Paso is ready to be re-established as the heart of the community. Redevelopment will transform



302.5 acres into a vibrant place to live, work, play, shop and visit via a strong public and private partnership.

El Paso is seeking to provide for a broad range of retail choices in Downtown, sites for larger retail stores to meet the strong cross-border demand, and mixed-use and multi-tenant housing opportunities.

El Paso City Council created a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone. In its first year of the TIRZ, property values climbed by 52 percent — one of the largest single year valuation increases in the history of Downtown.

on the web: <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/downtown>

wages

(el paso msa — bureau of labor statistics. 2008 occupational employment statistics survey)

Civil Engineer	\$63,290	Librarian	\$51,720
General/Operations Manager	\$70,260	Graphic Designer	\$31,160
Accountant/Auditor	\$50,120	Registered Nurse	\$56,590
Computer Programmer	\$40,900	Massage Therapist	\$27,340
Architect	\$64,290	Carpenter	\$26,190
Social Worker	\$56,750	Electrician	\$36,630
Lawyer	\$102,070	Machinist	\$27,820

education

94 private schools, 9 area public school districts and 11 institutions of higher learning



el paso community college

A multicampus district offering a full venue of educational opportunities, workforce and career development programs and entrepreneurial services. Fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools.

Enrollment: 27,797 credit students (Fall 2009)
2,116 associate degrees awarded (2008-09)
442 certificates awarded (2008-09)



new mexico state university

Located 40 minutes from Downtown El Paso, New Mexico State University serves as the state's land grant university. Its role as a comprehensive university is recognized throughout the state of New Mexico.

Enrollment: 18,497 (Fall 2009 — main campus)
Seven academic colleges
(Agriculture and home economics, arts and sciences, business, education, engineering, extended learning, health and social services)



university of texas at el paso

UTEP is the only major research university in the country whose students are predominantly Mexican-American. The university is winning national recognition for its innovative teaching methods and programs.

Enrollment: 21,011 (Fall 2009)
Six academic colleges
(Business administration, education, engineering, health sciences, liberal arts and science)



texas tech university paul i. foster school of medicine

The Texas Tech University Paul L. Foster School of Medicine welcomed its first class of four-year medical students in August 2009.

A recent Texas Tech study showed the school will have a \$1.5 billion economic impact to the community and will create more than 500 jobs.

Currently the Thomason/Texas Tech campus is undergoing a dramatic transformation including El Paso's First Children's Hospital opening in early 2012.

transportation



el paso international airport

- Eight airlines with 61 daily flights (March 2010)
- Nonstop service to 12 cities, including Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Chicago
- Service to 8 of the nation's 10 largest air hubs
- Total passengers served: 3,063,188 (2009)
- Air Cargo complex is the largest, most modern facility along the U.S.-Mexico border



highways

El Paso is served by two major interstates:

- I-10 is the southernmost of three coast-to-coast highways and the only one passable year-round
- I-25 begins just north of El Paso in New Mexico and goes through Albuquerque and Denver

international ports of entry

El Paso has four international ports of entry bordering our sister city of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico:

- Bridge of the Americas (7,644,049 crossings/year)
- Ysleta International Bridge (4,852,701 crossings/year)
- Paso del Norte Bridge (8,417,326 daily crossings/year)
- Stanton Street DCL (1,259,235 daily crossings/year)

rail (commercial & passenger)

Union Pacific Railway provides intermodal and other services to Los Angeles, Chicago, and Dallas through El Paso. **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad** also travels to Los Angeles and Chicago.

Amtrak's Texas Eagle and Sunset Limited passenger lines currently serve the area from the Union Depot train station. All U.S. commercial rail carriers connect with their Mexican counterparts in El Paso/Juarez.

quality of life

elevation: 3,927 ft.

average high: 77.1°F

average low: 52.1°F

average rainfall: 9.43 in.

Three states, two countries, one culture — El Paso, Texas.

El Paso is at the forefront of communities transcending borders — a global culture centuries in the making. On average, the sun shines more than 300 days per year, earning El Paso it's "Sun City" nickname. It is also a city of historic notability, featuring archeological sites, two state parks, a national memorial and 12 different museums.



Hueco Tanks State Park, for example, is an Indian habitat that some anthropologists say dates back more than 2,000 years. Franklin Mountains State Park is the largest urban park in the nation lying completely within city limits, covering more than 24,000 acres or about 37 square miles. For the outdoor enthusiast, El Paso offers a wondrous, diverse landscape to explore, including the Rio Grande, the Franklin Mountains, and the Chihuahuan Desert.



El Paso is the site for the second-oldest collegiate bowl game in the country, the Sun Bowl. In addition to the game, the Sun Bowl Association puts on an annual parade on Thanksgiving Day.

The stadium is also the football home for the University of Texas at El Paso Miners and hosts the Texas vs. The Nation Division I-A collegiate senior all-star bowl. The game pits players originally from Texas or who play college football in Texas against top players from around the country.



Year-round golf is available on a variety of public and private courses citywide, including Butterfield Trail Golf Course & Club House. It is the latest from award-winning course designer Tom Fazio, elaborating natural topographical features to "keep the golfer's ball in play."



The Sun City offers a variety of arts, historic and culture offerings, including the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, the El Paso Opera and three theaters. The El Paso Mission Trail — which includes the Ysleta Mission, the Socorro Mission and the San Elizario Church — also offers a trip to the area's rich past and are the oldest active missions in the United States.

The El Paso Zoo is an 18-acre oasis for about 240 species of animals and is in the process of a major expansion to double its size and add lions, zebras, giraffes and other animals.

housing

Median Housing Price:
\$130,000

Forbes Magazine ranks
El Paso's housing market
the **fifth strongest**
in the nation. (2009)



cost of living & commute

According to the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association (ACCRA), the Cost of Living Index for El Paso is 89.7% (2009). The average cost of living in the U.S. is 100.

Despite being the 22nd-largest city in the U.S., commute time in El Paso is extremely low. The U.S. Census estimates that **40%** of El Pasoans have an **average commute of 21 minutes** and **20%** have an **average commute of 30 minutes**.

el paso city council

mayor john cook

district 1: ann morgan lilly

district 2: susie byrd

district 3: emma acosta

district 4: carl l. robinson

district 5: rachel quintana

district 6: ann morgan lilly

district 7: steve ortega

district 8: beto o'rourke

city manager joyce wilson